

SECOND PETER

<p>Chapter 1</p> <p>Growing in the Sufficient Revelation of Jesus</p> <p>An Equal Faith (1:1-2) Precious & Great Promises (1:3-4) Make Every Effort (1:5-11) Stir You Up (1:12-15) Eyewitnesses (1:16-21)</p>	<p>Chapter 2</p> <p>The Destructiveness and Destruction of Those Who Distort and Depart from the Truth of Jesus</p> <p>Identifying False Teachers (2:1-3) Doom of False Teachers (2:4-10) Describing False Teachers (2:11-16) Better to Never Know (2:17-22)</p>	<p>Chapter 3</p> <p>Trusting in the Certain Return of Jesus</p> <p>Stir You Up to Remember (3:1-2) The Promise of His Coming (3:3-10) What Kind of People? (3:11-13) Grow in Grace (3:14-18)</p>
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2 Peter

Sunday, May 8, 2016

The Apostle Peter knows his death is near. He writes a last letter which includes 4 vital reminders to “stir up” the people of God in every generation . . .

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2. **Spiritual growth is NECESSARY.**

3. **False Teaching is DESTRUCTIVE.**

4. **The Return of Jesus is CERTAIN.**



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Connecting Together

Take some time this week to share and care for one another.

Studying God's Word Together

1. Read the book of 2 Peter together as a group then share personal thoughts and insights. How does the fact of Peter's soon execution impact your reading of the text?
2. Look closely at 1:3-4. What do these verse say? Does it "stir you up" in any way? In what ways can we feed on "His precious and very great promises"?
3. Look closely at 1:5-11. In these verses Peter is reminding us that "spiritual growth is necessary" (not necessary to earn our salvation, but necessary as the result/fruit of our salvation). Peter mentions 8 qualities we are to add to our faith: virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection and love. Which of those is most lacking in your life and how might you add it?

4. 2 Peter 2 is all about false teaching and it's clear that Peter takes it very seriously for "them are fighting words." Read 2:1-3. What are some of the characteristics of false teaching? Why does Peter speak so strongly here? Do you think false teaching is a threat today?
5. 2 Peter 3 reminds us of the certain return of Jesus. 3:3 mentions "scoffers." At what do they scoff? If God is not slow in keeping His promise, what is He according to 3:9?
6. According to 2 Peter 3:7-13, what will happen when Jesus returns? (At least 3 things!)
7. What is the reminder of the certain return of Jesus supposed to stir up in us according to 3:11?

Household/Family Focus: for discussion in your household

Discuss as a household which of the 4 of Peter's reminders is timely and stirring for you: 1. Scripture is sufficient. 2. Spiritual growth is necessary. 3. False teaching is destructive. 4. The return of Jesus is certain.

Prayer Together

As you pray for one another's needs, pray also that you would be stirred up toward "holiness and godliness."